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SUBJ: BLACK ACHIEVEMENTS SERIES

REF: STATE 085903

1. POST PLANS TO SPONSOR "BLACK ACHIEVEMENT SERIES",
JULY 25 - AUGUST 7 NOW FIRM WITH FINANCIAL, TALENT, AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GUARANTEED BY LOCAL BICENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE AND CULTURAL-PROMOTIONAL GROUPS.
2. PROJECT WILL COMPRISE COORDINATED PRESENTATION OF
LECTURES, EXHIBITS, FILMS, MUSIC, DRAMATIC READINGS COVERING
WIDE RANGE OF RELEVANT, CONNECTED ELEMENTS USING BOTH LOCAL
AND U.S. PARTICIPANTS.
3. MANY ELEMENTS ALREADY IN PLACE. OTHERS, AS FOLLOWS, REQUIRE
CU SUPPORT:
 - A. HISTORIAN. PARTICIPANT EXPECTED PROVIDE TWO LECTURES
AND PANEL DISCUSSION "BLACKS IN AMERICAN HISTORY",
FOR TOP-LEVEL AUDIENCES. FOCUS PRIMARILY U.S. BUT
FAMILIARITY CARIBBEAN DEFINITELY USEFUL. POST SUGGESTS
LERONE BENNETT OF EBONY MAGAZINE OR JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN
AS IDEAL CANDIDATES. PREFER USE DURING WEEK JULY 26,
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BUT ANY FOUR TO FIVE DAY VISIT WITHIN PROJECT DATES

ACCEPTABLE.

B. POLITICAL SCIENTIST. PARTICIPANT EXPECTED PROVIDE TWO LECTURES, ONE SEMINAR "BLACK REVOLUTION IN U.S. POLITICS, "EMPHASIZING CONTEMPORARY DEVELOPMENTS BUT ABLE SUPPLY NECESSARY HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. RECOMMEND BASIL PATERSON (VICE CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, 888 SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, TEL: 541-6900); CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM; OR EDDIE WILLIAMS,. CHAIRMAN INSTITUTE POLITICAL AFFAIRS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY.PARTICIPATION ANY TIME DURING PROJECT DATES ACCEPTABL.

C. LECTURE-DRAMATIST. PARTICIPANT EXPECTED GIVE THREE-PART LECTURE-DISCUSSION SERIES "READINGS FROM BLACK LITERATURE". STRONGLY URGE SERVICES ROSCOE LEE BROWN THIS PURPOSE. POST ALREADY CONTACTED BROWN (NEW YORK, TEL: CIRCLE 76786) AND HIS AGENT, MISS GEORGIA GILLY (LOS ANGELES, OL 90141), WHO HAVE ASSURED THAT HE AVAILABLE FULL WEEK IF SUPPLIED TRANSPORTATION PLUS NOMINAL \$3,000 FEE. (FYI: BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PREPARED FUND FEE.)

D. MUSICIANS. SMALL COMBO, FOUR OR FIVE PIECES, FOR TWO RECITALS "BLACK SOUL" SOUND, PLUS TWO "JAM SESSIONSLD WITH LOCAL JAZZ AND FOLK GROUPS. ALTHOUGH COMBO EXPECTED CONCENTRATE CONTEMPORARY SOUND, MEMBERS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY PROFICIENT TO INTEGRATE WITH CARIBBEAN PERFORMERS AND TO DEMONSTRATE SOME DIVERSITY OF U.S. STYLES. RECOMMEND GILBERT ASKEY (1309 SO. REDONDO BLVD., LOS ANGELES, TEL: 939-4784), DIRECTOR DIANA ROSS ENSEMBLE, WHO TENTATIVELY PREPARED BRING GROUP FOR TRANSPORTATION AND HONORARIUM ONLY. PREFER WEEK OF 26TH BUT ANY TIME ACCEPTABLE.

4. BELIEVE OTHER CARIBBEAN POSTS INTERESTED IN ALL OR PART OF PACKAGE. REQUEST ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.
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